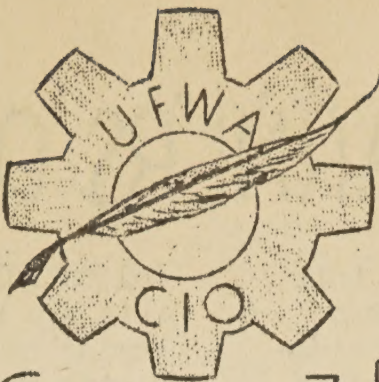


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AAA EMPLOYEES JITTERY

Ever since the passage of the new Farm Act this year, employees in the AAA have been feeling a bit jittery about their jobs.

To clear up the cloud of uncertainty surrounding the matter, the Adjustment Committee of Agriculture Local #2, UFWA, called on Mr. Harvey, Business Manager, AAA, on April 26, and asked him what the prospects were. He stated that the appropriation for Washington was one million dollars less than last year. He emphasized however, that personnel will not stand the brunt of all reductions, but that traveling expenses, equipment, supplies, etc., would also be included.

Two percent of the total AAA appropriation must be used in the field and 1% in Washington. The Adjustment Committee plans to ask the following action:

1. First preference for dismissed or furloughed employees for any new or vacant field positions.
2. Furloughs rather than outright dismissals.
3. Thirty days' notice plus accrued annual leave.

At the April 6 meeting, Cedric Fowler, Asst. Publicity Director for the CIO, Instructor in the Federal Workers School, addressed the membership on "Collective Security". A panel discussion followed, participated in by Sam Herman, Sid Timberg, and John Schricker.

On April 20, Dr. Ralph Turner, Education Division, Social Security Board, spoke to the Local on some urban and rural dwellers' problems in America. Dr. Turner provoked much discussion!

The meeting, Wednesday, May 4, will be the occasion for a program out of the ordinary. After a business session from 8 to 9, when nominations will be made for the May 18 elections, "THE BIG CLEANUP", musical skit of the Laundry Workers' Organizing Committee, will be presented. An admission fee of 30¢ will be charged, all proceeds to aid the L.W.O.C. in its efforts to organize Washington's laundry workers. A get-acquainted hour, with dancing and refreshments, will follow the skit.

The UFWA Softball League opened its season auspiciously with 12 teams represented. Agriculture Local #2, UFWA, whitewashed the strong Social Security ten, 12-0. Levitan pitched hitless ball, and struck out 15.

At present, Agriculture leads with 4 victories, no defeats. The lineup, replete with stars of Central Supply, ARA 1927 champions, looks formidable.

Games are scheduled every Sunday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Diamonds 4, 5, & 6, near Potomac Park Reflecting Pool.

Musical for Spain, 8 P.M. Sat., May 7
All-Spanish program. Take 16th St. Bus to
1803 Forest Glenn Ave. Refreshments, 50¢.

The boycott against Japanese goods still goes strong. It holds good as long as Japan has money enough to buy food for soldiers and ammunition for the murder of the Chinese people.

LOUISIANA FARMERS ORGANIZE

The lilies of the field, they toil not, neither do they spin--but when growers get together, sell cooperatively--the lily wakes up and gets results.

This is a venture of the Farmers' Union, Boothville & Venice, Louisiana. Growers know their Creole bulbs are good, have planted a million. Sales are made directly to out-of-state buyers. To get right prices, growers must stick together.

The Farmers' Educational and Cooperative Union, organized 1902 in Rains County, Texas, has spread from the Rio Grande to Canada, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, representing the most militant, powerful body of farmers in the U.S. The Union is not affiliated with either the CIO or the A. F. of L. but has been endorsed by both.

The Union's purpose is to secure equity, establish justice, apply the

Golden Rule; discourage credit and mortgage system; assist members in buying and selling; teach farmers domestic economy and the process of marketing; systematize methods of production and distribution; eliminate gambling in farm products by speculators; bring farming up to standard of other business enterprises; secure profitable, uniform prices for farm products; strive for harmony, good will among all mankind and brotherly love among themselves.

Farmers throughout the U. S. have felt benefits of legislation gained through organization. Savings are made daily by members through cooperative buying and selling. The Oklahoma Farmers' Union alone owns and operates 97 cotton gins. The Alabama Union has made large savings by buying fertilizer cooperatively.

DISTRICT TAX FIGHT WARMS UP

Progressive Congressmen and active citizens of the District are at long last making an articulate, sustained effort to goad Washington from its autocratic stupor and to establish a system of suffrage and equitable taxation.

Mr. Pusey, Associate Editor, Washington Post, spoke at the meeting of Citizens Committee on Fair Taxation in the ABC Hearing Room of the District Building on April 19. His discussion emphasized the District income tax, introduced on the House floor. He quoted Chairman Nichols, House Sub-Committee on Fiscal Affairs:

"This convinces me that there has got to be some change in the method of governing the District of Columbia. It is often ruled by prejudices rather than reason."

Representative Teigan of Minnesota, also a speaker at this meeting, remarked: "I do not think you will get your problems solved until you get representation in Congress and the local franchise. You have not made a real fight to get them. . .

"I hope you will keep up the good work and participate in enacting this legislation yourselves. As far as I am able, I will help you in my limited way. If you make a vigorous enough fight for the franchise in the District you are going to get it within the next two or three years."

An appeal was made that all---personally, by phone, by letter, by postcard---communicate with Senators, get in touch with Senator William H. King, Chairman, Senate District Committee, tell him we are in favor of the District income tax. Also get in touch with friends to do the same; ask Senators to restore the graduated income tax reported by the House, including taxation of Congressmen. Ask them to strike from the Bill the so-called business privilege tax, really a disguised sales tax. The Bill is H.R. 10066, Title 10.

The first step toward building a proper morale toward getting representation in the District is to get this bill passed!

WE CAN'T BE STOPPED!

The recent defeat of the Reorganization Bill was a real loss to every citizen interested in sound, business-like government. We regret that a bill so essentially unpolitical should have served reactionary groups to discredit the President as a would-be "dictator".

The United Federal Workers supported this bill because it provided for a reorganization of governmental structure along progressive lines without curtailing vital services or slashing payrolls. The bill would also have been a means to extend Civil Service status to thousands of "emergency" employees, at present denied their rightful security.

We believe that the defeat for Reorganization thus becomes a challenge to UFWA to redouble its efforts for a legislative program to end such abuses as: (1) overtime work without pay (in the last six months of 1936 Federal workers put in over 10,000,000 hours of unpaid-for overtime); (2) sub-standard wages (60,000 Federal employees receiving less than \$1200 cannot maintain the American standard of living); and (3) lack of machinery to settle individual employee grievances.

Remedy for these abuses lies in passage of four Federal Workers Bills: The Federal Workers Appeals Bill; the Federal Workers Minimum Wage Bill; the Federal Workers Overtime Bill; and the Federal Workers Five-Day Week Bill.

SO YOU'VE BEEN TO FLORIDA?

Ruth Riley, one of our active members, recently returned from a vacation in Florida with the following comments:

"Have a good time?" "What did you do there?"

Such is the third-degree after a couple weeks spent in the Southland. I'll be glad when the rosy flush fades and people are no longer reminded to ask me about my trip and I'll have a little peace and a chance to get down to union work again. . . . At first I thought it was wonderful to do nothing all day but lie in the sun, and all of a sudden our busy hectic Washington life seemed very silly. But after a few days of sunshine, a few evenings at the dog races, and what with listening over every coffee cup and every tea cup to my host and hostess on the subject of unions and about unions being "OK for the great mass of people but not necessary for intelligent people like us and therefore we're against unions," I reconsidered our work in Washington and thought of how much we have yet to do. I told them all about our work, and the three of us managed to keep our sense of humor sufficiently in play that it wasn't necessary for me to cut my visit short.

However, I finally got pretty tired of seeing my host lose money on the dogs just because, as he says, "there's nothing else to do around here", and because "there's nothing but luck to playing the dogs anyway, and if you want to get somewhere you've got to use your head and apply some logic and good common sense." (The way we do in the CIO!)

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Name _____ Address _____

Bureau _____ Bldg. _____ Room No. _____ Office Phone _____

Fill out this blank and return by chain letter to John A. Schricker, Room 3630, South Building, Department of Agriculture. Join Agricultural Local #2, United Federal Workers of America.

ON THE LABOR FRONT

Latest step in a long trend of NLRB decisions interpreting the National Labor Relations Act came in the Inland Steel Company ruling.

Against Inland Steel, the Steel Workers Organizing Committee carried on a strike one year ago. The company capitulated by offering to negotiate with the union but refused to embody any agreement in a signed contract. The union charged that refusal to sign was violation of the National Labor Relations Act, appealed to the Board. The Board spent months taking testimony and developing a record. Two weeks ago it rendered its decision.

"The main objective of organized labor," it said, "for long has been the collective agreement and the history of organization and collective bargaining may be written in terms of constant striving for union recognition through agreement.. The Act does require the employer to accept the procedure of collective bargaining, that is, to negotiate with the honest intent to reach a collective agreement."

Labor in steel, through Phillip Murray, SWOC Chairman, hailed the decision as a "complete vindication" of the union.

More important is the fact that the Board, in the face of powerful and concerted drive against it by anti-unionists, persists in pursuing its liberal policy of administration and is carrying out the intent of Congress.

The Inland Steel decision is but an incident in that process.

COOPERATIVES ...

The Welfare Committee of UFWA is working on a buying program for the United Federal Workers. All locals have been urged to support the D.C. Cooperative League and the various organized cooperatives in the District. Labor's Nonpartisan League has appointed a committee to promote the interest of labor in cooperatives, & Mr. Jacob Baker is a member of the committee.

Buying agreements of the Cooperative League include books, magazines, and pictures; coal; dairy products; furniture; oil burners; women's accessories, gifts and greeting cards.

Farm Bureau Automobile Insurance may be obtained through Mr. Brady at UFWA headquarters, at less cost than commercial policies. The company was organized by the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, a producers' cooperative, and stands 5th among automobile insurance companies doing business in the U.S. This standing is in volume.

Arrangements are being made to have a speaker from the Cooperative League address each local in the near future.

Treasury Local #11, U.F.W.A., is giving a dance, Saturday, May 7, 1938, at the Hotel Annapolis, to Maxim Lowe's music. Admission is 75¢ including tax and free parking. Time: Ten to one.

AID FOR SPAIN

The Federal Employees' Ambulance Campaign Committee has passed the one-third mark in the drive to raise \$3,000 to buy ambulances to help the Spanish people in their defense against Fascist intervention.

At the present rate of progress, the Committee expects to reach its goal before May 15. This would permit sending three ambulances to Spain when need for medical aid is most urgent.

Employees of the Department of Agriculture are urged to make contributions through persons in their divisions co-operating with the Committee, or take directly to Mr. Daniel Sullivan, Room 6073, any morning before 9 o'clock.